

LAND BILL VOTED OUT OF COMMITTEE

It Will Meet Determined Opposition on Floor of House.

GIVES PRESIDENT WITHDRAWAL POWER

Classification of Public Domain Will Be Next Question to Be Considered.

Impetus has been given the movement for conservation legislation by the action of the House Committee on Public Lands in voting for a favorable report on Representative Pickett's bill to provide for withdrawal of public lands containing minerals from entry.

The committee was divided on the question and the bill was ordered reported by a majority of two. Chairman Mondell of Wyoming, who is not an enthusiast on the subject of conservation, was one of those opposed to the bill.

It is provided by the bill that the President shall have authority to withdraw from entry public lands containing coal, oil, or other minerals or lands containing forests or water-power sites. Such lands may be withdrawn for purposes of examination or classification, or whenever the President deems the public interest requires it.

Not only does the bill give the President the authority to make withdrawals, but it provides that withdrawals made in the past shall be deemed valid. Thus the effect of the measure, if enacted, would be to validate past withdrawals, and give the President unquestioned power to make future withdrawals.

Gives President Power.

Some of the bills proposed that the Secretary of the Interior should have the power to make the withdrawals. Representative Pickett has taken the position the power should go lodged in the President. It is a matter of dispute whether the President has that power. Former Secretary of the Interior Garfield contends he has and that was the view taken by Roosevelt when he was President. If this measure passes, however, there will be no question about it.

It is expected this bill will come up in the House at an early date. The disposition of it there will indicate pretty clearly what Congress is going to do this session as to the conservation question. It is expected there will be a good deal of opposition to passage of the Pickett bill in the form in which it stands.

Some of the members of Congress from the Rocky mountain region have insisted that past withdrawals from entry of public lands ought not be regarded as the reason that this would drive out many persons who had squatted on the land without reference to whether it had been lawfully withdrawn. It is probable that the House will pass this bill or one about like it, however, though amendments may be made.

Among the men on the Public Lands Committee of the House, like Pickett, have insisted on validation of past withdrawals are Parsons of New York, and Gronna of North Dakota, Republicans, but all are inclined to a reservation. It has been the chief sticking point of the bill in the committee.

Land Classification Next.

The next question the House committee will take up will be the bill to provide for the classification of public lands.

Whether there will be conservation legislation this session is a question, though the action of the House committee is a longer advance toward it than any yet made this session. Congress is considered to have passed it.

The feeling is growing about the Capitol that the session is not going to last as long as many hope, and that when the railroad bill and appropriations bills are completed and passed, it will be extremely difficult to keep a quorum in Washington.

AFRICAN COLONISTS DENOUNCE GERMAN

Protest Against Syndicates Exploiting Resources to Injury of Settlers.

CAPE TOWN, April 9.—Resolutions denouncing the Fatherland's policy of handing German resources over to financial syndicates, without adequate compensation and to the disadvantage of individual settlers, as alleged, were adopted today at series of protest meetings throughout the colony.

Minister of the Colonies Dernberg is especially blamed. With German policy, facing the liveliest anxiety to build up the colony, it is declared that Dernberg is giving exclusive concessions to big syndicates which are naturally suppressing individual enterprise.

It is more difficult for the Colonists to make living in Africa, they say, than in Germany. The settlers want representation in the Reichstag, where they can voice their grievances more forcibly.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. AMISS

Wife of Former Police Captain Will Be Buried in Glenwood Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary E. Amiss, wife of former Capt. T. Brooke Amiss, of the Metropolitan police, has been set for Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services will be held at the family home, 195 Sixth street northwest, and burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery. The Rev. J. Russell Verbruyck will conduct the services.

Mrs. Amiss' death occurred yesterday morning, following a long illness. Besides her husband she leaves several children.

NEW HOUSE FOR McCLELLAN.

PRINCETON, April 9.—Work has been begun on a large residence, which is to be occupied by former Mayor McClellan, of New York, when he returns from his tour in Europe.

BUSONI TRIUMPHS IN PIANO RECITAL

Italian Artist Is Accorded Reception Tantamount to an Ovation.

DISPLAYS MENTALITY OF MASTER MUSICIAN

Called Repeatedly to Stage at Columbia Theater—Program Varied.

By ROBERTA V. BRADSHAW.

An audience held spellbound by an exhibition of genius in piano playing not enjoyed more than once or twice in a lifetime gave Ferruccio Busoni an ovation yesterday afternoon upon the conclusion of his recital at the Columbia Theater.

The Italian pianist, who has won the plaudits of the discriminating people of two continents, is comparatively unknown except in a few localities on this side of the water, despite the fact that a decade ago he was associated with the Boston Conservatory, and that six years ago he made a short concert tour of the States.

His coming, therefore, was unheralded, which is unfortunate, inasmuch as his work is an inspiration to students and a satisfaction and delight to lovers of pianoforte music. It is quite useless to make an effort to detail the superior excellence of the afternoon performance.

Busoni, equipped with a mental grasp of immense reach and activity and power, is able to "interpret" in the true content that misused word—and Bach, Beethoven, and Chopin were in turn read with clarity and dignity and an exquisite beauty of diction that was nothing short of inspirational.

His technique is flawless and his manual possibilities apparently limitless, but to crown all, both are governed and controlled to the slightest interpretive shading by the master mentality of a simple, sincere, unaffected, and well-rounded musician.

As exemplified in the Chopin Nocturne and the Paganini-Liszt-Busoni "Campanelle," his fluency is almost stupefying, yet his tone is pellucid, his trills peevish, and his pianissimo a despair. In Busoni's playing there is a response and power one associates with Beethoven and the sweetness and grace of Chopin. Indeed, Busoni plays as easily and as simply as though his achievements were a matter of course, and yet his art is so consummate that he brings to him both the taught and the untaught with equal facility.

Washington rarely breaks into shouted "bravos" and "encores," but the audience yesterday gave vent to its enthusiasm after each number, while a hush like death held the house when the player's fingers touched the keys. A tremendous program beginning with the much discussed Busoni transcription of Bach's Choral Preludes and including Beethoven's "Eroica," the "Waldstein" sonata, a trio of Chopin numbers and the Gounod-Liszt Fantasia on waltz themes from Faust was given superbly.

Busoni, called repeatedly to the stage by the tumult in the house, appeared as fresh and unweary as though he had not struck a note. Three encores followed, yet his tone was as clear and as fresh as the first. He was commanded by an audience which filed out of the theater impressed and quiet rather than voluble and cheering, as is the usual case at an afternoon performance.

UNKNOWN WOMAN FORGETS IDENTITY

Columbus Patient Threatened With Death Unless She Remembers.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 9.—"Who am I. Who am I?" With this question always on her lips, and in her eyes the stare that betokens approaching insanity, a sweet-faced, gray-haired woman, sixty years old, is believed to be dying at St. Francis Hospital. Her past is a blank. She does not know her name. She does not know where she came. All she knows of life is the present.

Her condition is driving her mad. Physicians give her two more days of life. Then, if her memory does not return, she will die, they say.

"The Unknown" is the woman who was found Tuesday morning at the Union Station by Patrolman Seeds. She evidently was a passenger changing trains. It is thought that all her belongings, her ticket and clothing and money are with her baggage and no one knows where that is.

She was found wandering dazedly about the station. She was perfectly rational and showed culture and education in her conversation until her past was touched upon. Then with a vacant stare, her eyes filling with tears, she could only answer, "I don't know. I don't know who I am."

Physicians at St. Francis Hospital are unable to do anything to enable her to regain her lost memory. She is slowly going mad. But before her mind snaps her body will give way. Worry and grief at the terrible future that confronts her is killing her.

"She will live until morning," say the doctors. "But she can hardly last through the day."

So the little woman lies on her cot and stares at the ceiling trying to think of her own name. Eagerly she stops every passing nurse. "Have you heard yet who I am? Who am I? Can't you do something? And the nurses can only try to soothe her. For the woman's identity seems to be an impenetrable mystery.

"A blood clot on the brain," say the doctors. "It may move and then she will know who she is." But if it doesn't move. Then the end will be a grave at the county infirmary. A grave with no name, the grave of "The Unknown," or in one of the wards of some hospital will be a silent, staring woman wondering, day after day, "Who am I? Who am I?"

CEMETERY BARS NUDE ART. NEW YORK, April 9.—Because the statue of Psyche and Cupid is not considered a proper monument in a graveyard, the trustees of Greenwood Cemetery have requested Mrs. Mary L. Stetler, of Philadelphia, to remove it from the place. They point out that the presence of nude figures in the cemetery is not in conformity with the other ornaments. The order will be obeyed.

CANDIDATE FOR STATE GOVERNOR



MRS. MARILLA RICKER, Who, at the Age of Seventy, Will Campaign in New Hampshire.

WOMAN WILL RUN FOR GOVERNORSHIP

Mrs. Ricker Will Stump New Hampshire At Seventy.

SAN JOSE, Cal., April 9.—Mrs. Marilla Ricker, the famous woman lawyer, publicist and politician, left San Jose today for Dover, N. H., to open her campaign for governor of the Granite State.

Though Mrs. Ricker is seventy years old, she declares that she will take charge of her own candidacy in person and will stump the State from end to end, not only for convention delegates this spring, but for votes next fall.

"There is no legal reason why a woman cannot be elected governor of New Hampshire," said Mrs. Ricker, as she started for the East. "And from advice I have already received I have reason to believe that there has already set in a formidable sentiment for my election."

Mrs. Ricker was such a powerful lawyer in Washington that Robert G. Ingersoll engaged her as associate in the famous Star Route case.

Wendell Phillips was proud of her aid in the cause of abolition. In 1883 Mrs. Ricker stumped the West for Benjamin Harrison, and later came very nearly being America's first woman diplomat through President McKinley's determination to appoint her minister to Colombia. His advisers dissuaded him at the last moment. She is now United States commissioner and examiner in chancery.

Mrs. Ricker, the daughter of a revolutionary officer, was born in Durham, N. H., in 1840. She studied law in Washington and was the first woman to plead a case before the Supreme Court. Her law practice won her a fortune, but a great part of this she spent first in aid of the Union cause and later as an advocate of woman's suffrage.

In 1870 she astonished the country by going to the polls and demanding the right to vote. It was the first notable move of militant suffragism in the United States, yet Mrs. Ricker was able to win such influence for her cause that suffragism immediately became a political issue.

At every election since that time the determined woman has presented herself at the voting booth with the entire ticket and has forced the officials to refuse her demand to be allowed to vote on each candidate put up. Mrs. Ricker married John Ricker in 1862. She has been a widow forty years. Despite her years she is a woman of extraordinary strength and energy. She still conducts a large law business in Dover and adds constant magazine writing to her political activities.

TAFT VANQUISHES SHERMAN ON LINKS

Vice President Sherman is the first victim of the season to President Taft's prowess on the links, the first game of the Executive golf season having been won yesterday by the President on the Chevy Chase links.

Both made the rounds in less than 100, President Taft winning by one hole. Both players were in fair form, considering their lack of practice.

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COUNT IS DEPRIVED OF U. S. CITIZENSHIP

Federal Judge Cancels Papers of "Prince" Savine, Now in Jail.

CHICAGO, April 9.—"Count" Nicholas Savine, alias "Prince" Nicholas Savine, is no longer a citizen of the United States. His naturalization papers, which were granted by Judge Gibbons, of the circuit court, in 1898, have been canceled by Judge K. M. Landis.

The "count" is now in custody in Belgium. He is also wanted by the government of Denmark for obtaining money on fraudulent checks.

He has made use of his American citizenship papers to obtain passports at certain American embassies in Europe, but he will be no longer heeded by ambassadors of this country should he apply to them as an American citizen for protection against the European police.

HARRIMAN'S WIDOW PLANS BIG STABLE

Costly Structure on Mountain Estate Will Have Accommodations for Fifty Horses.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., April 9.—Mrs. Mary W. Harriman, widow of E. H. Harriman, carrying out her idea, is planning one of the most costly and magnificent stables ever erected in this State.

It is to stand at the foot of the incline railroad which leads to the mountain on which the Harriman mansion is built.

There will be accommodations for nearly fifty horses, spacious carriage and harness rooms, a workshop, garage, and a hospital for sick horses. The second story will contain living apartments for grooms and stablemen.

WOMAN IS BURNED IN THEATER FIRE

NEW YORK, April 9.—With the exception of Dedora, the motorcycle rider, nobody was hurt in the fire and panic that occurred in the Alhambra Theater, 126th street and Seventh avenue, last night. The fire was due to the explosion of a gasoline tank. An audience of 1,000 was thrown into a panic, and Dedora, whose real name is Mrs. Agnes Hatfield, and who was riding on the stage, was burned, but not seriously injured.

LIFE CRUSHED OUT UNDER CAR WHEELS

Philadelphia Trolley Fatalities Total Nineteen Since the Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 9.—John Ocher, a baker, was crushed to death under the wheels of a Rapid Transit trolley which ran into his wagon today.

This makes the nineteenth fatality due to trolley accidents since the beginning of the carmen's strike. Ocher, who was serving customers, turned out of the way of a northbound Fifth street car, and as his wagon reached the opposite track the heavy ash car, going south, crashed into the rear of the light wagon. Ocher was thrown from his seat under the front wheels of the car. His horse also was killed.

In a crash of two trolley cars on an incline at Main and Umbria streets, Monday, early today, Motorman John Mayville was so seriously injured that he is dying in the Women's Homeopathic Hospital.

Six passengers were slightly injured by jumping. The collision was due to the failure of brakes to hold in descending the hill.

A heavy Angora car going east on Chestnut street early today crashed into a Morris and Tasker street car going north on Twenty-third street. Several persons were injured.

READING FOR BLIND PROGRAM ARRANGED

The following program of music and readings has been arranged for at the reading room for the blind in the Library of Congress:

Tuesday Prof. Adam Geibel, of Philadelphia, musician and composer, will lecture on music, and will illustrate by composing a hymn.

Thursday there will be a piano and song recital, Miss Marie McCourt, of Baltimore, at the piano. There will be solos by Mrs. Mabel Owen Beard, contralto, Miss Marguerite O'Toole will be accompanist.

Saturday Mme. de Mellesner will lecture on Russia. The program will be on each of the three days from 2:30 to 3:30 p. m.

GOULD'S WEDDING GIFT A MANSION

NEW YORK, April 9.—George J. Gould will present his daughter Marjorie with a house on Fifth avenue, valued at \$500,000, as a wedding gift on the occasion of her marriage to Anthony J. Drexel this month.

The house, 1015 Fifth avenue, has just been completed. It is six stories high and of the old English basement type.

PRELATES APPROVE IMMIGRATION PLAN

Catholic Colonization Society Extending Work. 200 Men Lend Aid.

Backed by the approval of the archbishops, the National Catholic Colonization society is extending its work of bringing together in colonies the Catholic immigrants, who, in years past, have sought the congested districts for a livelihood.

The objects of the organization were explained to the archbishops who met this week at the Catholic University, and it met with their approval. The Rev. J. E. De Vos, a member of the executive committee of the organization, setting forth the aims and purposes.

It is asserted that there are 500,000 Catholic immigrants landing annually in New York. The members of the society declare that it will not be difficult to induce a majority of these to join in the different colonies for the railroads, it is said, agree that every good man in their territory is worth at least \$100 to them.

More than two hundred prominent clergymen and laymen are connected with the movement. In the Catholic colonies at Ghent, Minn., and Spaulding, Neb., the people are happy and prosperous, and have large, well-cultivated farms.

The promoters have no interest in the lands nor in the sales. They are interested, they assert, only in the people. Further developments in the plan are expected and announcements, as developments occur, will be made. The interest is being taken in the efforts to bring together the Catholics from the several countries in Europe.

ANIMAL FARMERS' EXAMS PREPARED

Places in Department of Agriculture Will Pay \$1,500.

An examination for junior animal husbandmen to fill two vacancies in the Department of Agriculture will be held by the Civil Service Commission on May 11. The salaries are \$1,500 when entering the service, and may be increased to \$2,400.

A rating of 70 per cent will be given applicants who have graduated from a four years' course in agriculture within a year before the date of the examination, or are about to be graduated from such an institution. A rating of at least 70 per cent must be obtained in "expert experience" to make an applicant eligible for appointment.

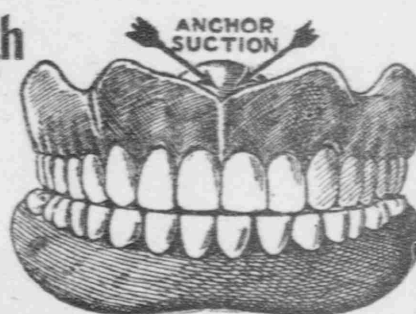
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